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Re: Cornell – Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site

Mr. Mannino:

I am writing in reference to a public hearing held January 30, 2003 in South Plainfield, NJ. The United States Environmental Protection Agency discussed certain items at the meeting which require immediate attention:

- **Indoor air monitoring at existing buildings on-site at Cornell – Dubilier Electronics (CDE) Site:**

The EPA stated that one dust sample per building has been conducted and levels were detected up to 8300 parts per million. You personally stated that you do not believe that these levels present an immediate health threat, although Arthur Block of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry stated that he would like additional sampling conducted. "One sample is not adequate to quantify risk" in the building.

Mr. Mannino, it is difficult for me to understand how something as mobile as dust detected at levels over 16,000 times the residential soil cleanup criteria and over 4100 times the industrial cleanup standard could be considered safe for work place exposure.

- **Responsible parties' presentation:** It is the opinion of the Edison Wetlands Association that the presentation given by the responsible parties at the EPA's public hearing was highly inappropriate. Their presentation of future redevelopment urged the EPA to cap the CDE Site, and placed emphasis on rushing any remediation plan. It is obvious that taxpayers continue to pay for the cost of the EPA's investigation while responsible parties are allowed to put together slick propaganda promoting their objectives. A responsible party cannot be allowed to put undue pressure on the EPA to quickly cap a site. I ask you not to allow this type of presentation at any future public meeting.
- **Determination of health threat/ Outreach efforts:** I am requesting a detailed explanation of the EPA and the ATSDR's rationale for determining health threat to current and former workers at the CDE Site. Additionally, I request a detailed explanation of outreach efforts

extended to current and former workers (i.e. what efforts, if any, were made to screen pregnant women, long term workers, individuals with language barriers?).

At this time I am requesting a copy of the full Remedial Investigation/ Feasibility Study as discussed at the public hearing. Edison Wetlands Association also requests an opportunity to discuss our comments on the RI/ FS with the EPA.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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